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of Network Intrusion Detection Systems

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Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), Applicant makes no representation that these documents qualify as prior art or that these documents are material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

Applicant has provided copies of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Applicants note that the references cited in the documents were previously considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Therefore, copies of these references have not been provided.

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